

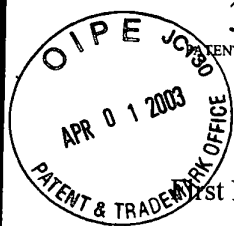


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 Application No.: 09/816937 Group Art Unit: 2882
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 Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING FREQUENCY
 MODULATED PULSES

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Total Claims	12	Minus	** 30	0	x \$18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	Minus	*** 7	0	x \$84.00	\$ 0.00
Additional fee for filing one or more multiple dependent claims, if no such fee has been previously paid					\$280.00	
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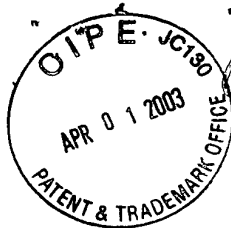
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 26, 2002, and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on March 26, 2003, please enter the amendments and consider the remarks included below.

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Restriction Requirement

The following statement from the Office Action suggests the need for restriction requirement:

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

I. Claims 1 - 9 and 29 - 30, drawn to a method for producing a pulse train using compression of the signal in time, classified in class 385, subclass 15.

II. Claims 10 - 13, drawn to a method for frequency modulation of an optical carrier in a laser cavity, classified in 372, subclass 32.

III. Claims 14 - 25, drawn to an apparatus for producing a frequency modulated signal comprising a dispersive element within a laser cavity and associated methods for using the apparatus, classified in class 372, subclass 102.